

CASE PP/17-22961/A/PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF

ROLF STRUB ET AL

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. **PCT/EP 2004/011222**

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FOR: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR

EMPTYING BIG BAGS

U.S. APPLICATION NO: **not yet assigned**

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Examiner:

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the present Preliminary Amendment to place the instant claims in better condition for examination on their merits.